



## Year 2 Advent Term 2

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a restful half term holiday.



### Literacy

We have two wonderful books we will be reading this half term. The first is *The Great Fire of London*, which will lead to writing posters, letters, certificates and an information booklet. Our second is *The Journey Home* and the children will write their own short story. Our weekly grammar lessons will focus on commas in a list, adjectives and nouns and finally conjunctions. Spellings will cover a variety of patterns starting with kn and gn at the start of words then ge and dge at the end of words, before moving onto wr, or spelt a before l, ll and finally several end of word letter patterns to include l, ll, le, el, il and al. These will be sent home for the whole half term and can be found in your child's homework book. For pleasure we will also share stories titled *Sammy the Street Dog* and *A Christmas Collar*.

### Science

After completing our topic *Animals including Humans* we move onto *Uses of Everyday Materials*. We will identify and compare materials for particular uses and find out how the shapes of solid objects can be changed. Please check Dojo and the school website for the key learning sheet, which you should share with your child as part of their homework.

### RE

After completing our topic of *Signs and Symbols* we move onto our other faith topic which is *Judaism*. Our final topic is *Preparing*. We will think about how we prepare for Christmas and the events around the birth of Jesus.

Our class will be leading the whole school Act of Worship on Friday 22nd November at 9.15am in the school hall. Parents are welcome.

We also look forward to preparing for and performing our Nativity with Foundation Stage and Year 1 at church on Thursday 12th December 2024.

## Maths

In Maths we are continuing with addition and subtraction, introducing the children to using the column method. We then move onto shape and finally money.

## History

This half term we start our first History topic of the year. A key learning sheet can be found on the school website and on dojo and should be shared regularly with your child as part of their weekly homework. Our topic is The Great Fire of London. We will learn the facts about the fire, use different sources to ask and answer questions, including the diary of Samuel Pepys, write poems and create collages.

## Music

This half term the children will begin to learn to play the recorder. We will have a weekly lesson each week this half term and then again in Lent Term 2 and Pentecost Term 2. Recorders are provided by school.

## Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday, to be returned by the following Wednesday. This will usually alternate between a piece of maths and a piece of Literacy. Spelling tests will continue to be every Friday morning. Remember to start working through the Year 2 words your child doesn't know, perhaps picking 1 or 2 to focus on each week. It is also really important that you hear your child read regularly. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday.

## PE

PE is on a Monday and Friday. Our new units are Fitness and Dance. Remember to send your child in joggers, polo shirt and school shoes. They should not be wearing any jewellery. They should have shorts, t-shirt and pumps in their bag which remains in school.

For any questions or concerns please contact me via the school office or Class Dojo.

Mrs Currie